

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 through 10 remain in this application for consideration.

Original claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, with the Examiner asserting that "said first end", line 2, lacks a clear antecedent basis. Claim 2 has been cancelled and the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into claim 1 in a manner thought to clarify the matter by stating that the claimed carrier has a first end adapted for connection to a loader frame, and a second end defined by an attaching flange.

Original claims 1, 2 and 7 stand rejected as being clearly anticipated by Newman. As now presented, claim 1 is thought to contain subject matter which overcome this rejection.

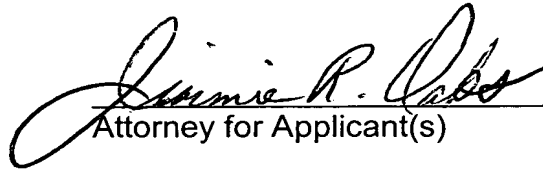
Specifically, claim 1 now requires an extension carrier (previously in claim 4) having a second attaching flange at one end adapted for abutting and being releasably connected to the attaching flange of the carrier, and having a third attaching flange at another end adapted for abutting and being releasably connected to the mating flange of the front piece, whereby the front piece can be selectively attached either directly to the carrier, when the extension carrier is not used, or to the extension carrier when the latter is used. The Examiner has asserted, with reference to original claim 4, that Figs. 7 and 8 of German Patent No. 41002 teach the required extension. However, applicant disagrees since the removable boom sections 9 and 10 do not have flanges coupled to a mating flange of a front piece, and are not used for the purpose of extending the carrier, but rather are used to change the configuration of the carrier. Thus, the teaching for using an extension carrier appears to come only from applicant's disclosure, and hindsight has long been held to be impermissible.

Claims 3 and 5-10 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are likewise thought allowable.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

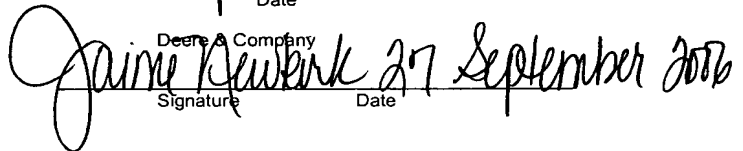
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